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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Patrick Arnoldus Maria van Buggenum

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Art Unit: 1612

For: **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 7 $\alpha$ -  
METHYLSTEROIDS**

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Examiner: Badio, Barbara P.

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2008 having a shortened statutory three-month period for response which expired on July 1, 2008.

Applicants herein petition for a three-month extension of time and authorize any and all charges due to such extension to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-4205.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.